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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE PCT NATIONAL STAGE APPLICATION OF

FRIGERIO ET AL.

U.S APPLICATION NO: 10/531,515

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FOR: MODULATION OF S6 KINASE ACTIVITY FOR THE TREATMENT

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Mail Stop: Amendment Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

The Office Action of May 28, 2008 has a shortened statutory time set to expire on August 28, 2008 A two-month extension is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a).

Please charge Deposit Account No. 50-4409 in the name of Novartis in the amount of \$ 490 for payment of the extension fee. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 50-4409 in the name of Novartis.

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